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SUB: CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENCY OF AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

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1. NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENCY OF AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (AFDB) CLOSED IN LATE FEBRUARY WITH THREE CANDIDATES: LUIS NEGRE (MALI), CURRENTLY A VICE PRESIDENT OF ARDB; KWAME FORDWAR (GHANA), SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR FINANCE, GOG; AND A LIBYAN (NAME TO FOLLOW), NOT RPTNOT OMEISH, CURRENT LIBYAN VICE PRESIDENT OF AFDB.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT GHANA HAS ALREADY DONE A LOT OF LOBBYING AND ACQUIRED WRITTEN SUPPORT OF NIGERIA (WHICH ABSTAINED ON PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION LAST YEAR AFTER FIRST PUTTING FORWARD A CANDIDATE AND THEN WITHDRAWING HIM) AND A DOZEN OTHER COUNTRIES. WE HAVE ALSO HAD REPORTS THAT LIBYANS ARE LOBBYING ACTIVELY AGAIN, WITH FUNDS TO SUPPORT THEIR LOBBYING EFFORTS.

3. WE SHALL KEEP DEPARTMENT, AID AND TREASURY INFORMED AS
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WE LEARN MORE ABOUT THE NEGOTIATIONS. ALL AFDB OFFICIALS AND

AFRICAN AMBASSADORS HERE WITH WHOM THIS AMBASSADOR HAS TALKED
AGREE ON DESIRABILITY OF REACHING CONSENSUS ON SIGNLY CANDIDATE
BEFORE KINSHASA MEETING IN MAY TO AVOID REPETITION
OF LAST YEAR'S PERFORMANCE (REFTEL).
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